

### **Manal Saab, Chairperson**



Manal Saab, of Fenton, is vice president of SGT Ltd. I. She serves as chair of the National Advisory Board for the Arab American National Museum, an Emeritus member of the Board of Governors of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, chair of the board of directors of the American Druze Foundation, a member of the national professional Advisory Board of the Center for Arab American Philanthropy (CAAP), is a trustee of the Community Foundation of Greater Flint, and has co-chaired the University of Michigan-Flint Capital Campaign. Saab earned a master's in public administration from Cleveland State University.

*Term expires April 19, 2022*

### **Michael Romaya, Vice Chair**



Michael J. Romaya, of West Bloomfield, is a corporate attorney and partner at Varnum LLP, representing lenders and borrowers in a variety of commercial financial transactions. He advises companies on various areas of corporate law with a strong focus on mergers and acquisitions and private equity transactions, and serves as the outside general counsel for numerous companies. Romaya is a graduate of University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, and received his undergraduate degree in Economics from the University of Michigan. He has been recognized professionally as a 2013 "Up & Coming Lawyer" by Michigan Lawyers Weekly and as a Michigan Rising Star by Super Lawyers.

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### **Sharif Hussein, Second Vice Chair**



Sharif Hussein, of Grand Ledge, is Senior Vice President of the Midwest Region for CNSI, where he is responsible for directing and managing diverse healthcare initiatives and multiple state businesses across the organization. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management from the University of Maryland and has completed the Executive Leadership program at the Yale School of Management. Hussein previously held senior leadership positions at BearingPoint, Orascom Telecom, where he provided oversight, guidance and counsel and played a key role in the newly created telecommunication's venture in Iraq and supporting the U.S. lead provisional government.

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**Lina Harajli, Treasurer**



Lina Harajli, of Dearborn, is COO of the Arab Community Center for Economic & Social Services (ACCESS) and oversees ACCESS's more than 100 programs and operational departments. Her major accomplishments include leading the migration of the organization to a cloud-based IT infrastructure; spearheading the implementation of an integrated Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA), and leading several facility renovations, including the recent expansion of the Arab American National Museum's Annex. Harajli received her bachelor's degree in business administration from University of Michigan-Dearborn, is a graduate of Leadership Detroit XXXV.

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**Suzanne K. Sukkar, Secretary**



Suzanne Sukkar, of Ypsilanti, is of counsel at Dickinson Wright, PLLC. Suzanne represents clients before government agencies including the Department of Homeland Security, United States Citizenship & Immigration Services, Department of State, and Department of Labor. She is a member of the State Bar of Michigan, American Immigration Lawyers Association, American Bar Association, National Association of Professional Women, and the Lawyers Committee for the Washtenaw County American Civil Liberties Union. She earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan and a law degree from Wayne State University.

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**Nabeel Obeid, Trustee at Large**



Nabeel Obeid, of Ann Arbor, is an Assistant Professor of Surgery at Michigan Medicine, with subspecialty training in minimally-invasive and bariatric surgery. He has held numerous leadership positions, both locally and on the national level. He is a member of the American College of Surgeons, the National Arab American Medical Association, and the Syrian American Medical Society. He attended the University of Michigan and the University of Michigan Medical School. Dr. Obeid continued his training in general surgery at New York University School of Medicine and completed a fellowship in minimally-invasive and bariatric surgery at Stony Brook University Hospital.

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## **“Dave” Wassim F. Abdallah**



Dave Abdallah, of Dearborn Heights, is a realtor for and has been with the company for more than 25 years. He is a City of Dearborn Heights Councilman. He has served on the Executive Board of the Bint Jbeil Cultural Center. He is also a member of the Dearborn Heights Tax Tribunal Review and is a Dearborn Heights community organization member. Abdallah earned an associate degree from Oakland Community College and a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan. He has been inducted into the Century 21 International Masters Hall of Fame. Abdallah has served his local Association of Realtors as a Director, Vice President and President and also elected the Realtor of the Year.

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## **Fay Beydoun**



Fay Beydoun, of Dearborn, is the executive director of the American Arab Chamber of Commerce, chief operating officer of Tejara & Tejara Global Business Development Center, executive co-chair of the Council of Ethnic Chamber of Commerce, and serves as the chief executive officer of the American Middle East Economic Affairs Committee. She served on the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, and was appointed in 2013 by the U.S. Secretary of Commerce as a board member of the Michigan East District Export Council.

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## **John Daoud**



John Daoud of Troy is the Director of Human Resources at the Arab American and Chaldean Council (ACC). He earned his MBA from Western Michigan University and his BA from Albion college and used his education and expertise in his career as the president and CEO of Al Long Ford and later transitioned to work in the non-profit sector at ACC. He has served the community by being part of the Ford Fund Multicultural Advisory Committee ;DTE Community Advisory Council; Eastern Michigan University Advisory Board (Detroit campus); Salvation Army Advisory Board; Detroit Historical Society Board; Lions of Michigan Council of Governors and a Leadership Detroit alum.

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## Ronald Haddad



Ronald Haddad currently serves as the Chief of Police for the city of Dearborn. Haddad began his career with the Detroit Police Department in 1973 and retired in January 2007 as deputy chief of the northwestern district. Haddad holds an Associate and Bachelor's degree in law enforcement from the University of Detroit/Mercy and a master's degree from Eastern Michigan University. He also graduated from the school of police staff and command from Northwestern University and earned an extensive list of other educational, specialized training and professional development certifications.

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## Nadine Kalasho



Nadine Yousif Kalasho is the President of CODE Legal Aid, She co-founded CODE in response to the influx of refugees coming from the Middle-East in 2014. Nadine is a graduate of Wayne State University Law School where she was Editor and Public Relations Director of the Journal of Law in Society, worked as student attorney for the Legal Advocacy for People with Cancer Clinic and was an intern for the office of the General Counsel and Labor Relations Department for Detroit Public Schools. She received her B.A. in Political Science in 2012 from Wayne State University and most recently was named co-counsel to the federal case: Hamama v. Adducci, which halted the deportations of around 1400 Iraqi nationals.

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## Martin Manna



Martin Manna, of Bloomfield Hills, is President of the Chaldean American Chamber of Commerce and the Chaldean Community Foundation. Manna is involved in several civic and community affairs and is currently a Director for New Detroit, Advancing Macomb and an Advisor with In Defense of Christians. He was named one of *The Detroit News* Michiganians of the year and one of Crain's Detroit Businesses 40 Under 40. Manna earned his Masters of Business Administration Degree and Bachelors of Science Degree with a major in Corporate Finance from Wayne State University.

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## **Adel Mozip**



Adel Mozip is a software developer for Urban Science Inc and a managing director of Sheba4Tech LLC. He previously served as an associate developer for Compuware Corp. and as a creative designer for the Yemeni American News. He previously served as the National Public Relations officer of the American Association of Yemeni Students and Professionals. Mozip earned a bachelor's degree in computer engineering from the University of Michigan-Dearborn and is completing his master's in business administration at Wayne State University in May 2016.

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## **Susan Dabaja**



Susan Dabaja, of Dearborn, is president of the Dearborn City Council and is of counsel at Farhat & Associates, PLLC. She is co- chair of the Dearborn Education Foundation and treasurer of the Dearborn Bar Association. Dabaja earned a bachelor's degree in biology from the University of Michigan-Dearborn and a law degree from the University of Detroit Mercy. Dabaja is a trained mediator, and has over 11 years of courtroom experience in courts across the state of Michigan Susan currently co-chairs the Dearborn Education Foundation, serves as Treasurer of the Dearborn Bar Association and is an active member/volunteer in the Dearborn Rotary, Dearborn Goodfellows and several other organizations.

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## **Rihan Issa**

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